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The public policy of the APRA states that "(p)roviding persons with information is an essential function of a representative government and an integral part of the routine duties of public officials and employees, whose duty it is to provide the information." *See Indiana Code § 5-14-3-1*. The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department is a public agency for the purposes of the APRA. *See Indiana Code § 5-14-3-2(n)*. Accordingly, any person has the right to inspect and copy the IMPD's disclosable public records during regular business hours unless the records are protected from disclosure as confidential or otherwise exempt under the APRA. *See Indiana Code § 5-14-3-3(a)*.

It appears as if the documents requested have now been provided to the Complainant through the formal complaint process. As for retention of the documents themselves, please be advised that the Indiana Archives and Records Administration has now published a new public safety retention schedule for police and sheriff departments in Indiana. It can be accessed at www.in.gov/iara.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is the Opinion of the Public Access Counselor the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department has not violated the Access to Public Records Act.

Regards,

Luke H. Britt

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Cc: Ms. Melissa Coxey